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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LEAF BLOWERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 342F-30.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 " ~~[+] §342F-30.8 [+] Leaf blowers; restrictions.~~ (a) In any
4 urban land use district, as designated pursuant to section
5 205-2, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a leaf
6 blower within a residential zone or within one hundred feet of a
7 residential zone in the State, except between the hours of
8 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on any day except Sunday or a state or
9 federal holiday, and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and
10 6:00 p.m. on Sunday or any state or federal holiday~~[-]~~; provided
11 that government entities, and agents acting on behalf of
12 government entities, may use leaf blowers during the prohibited
13 hours in the case of an emergency as defined in section 127A-2.

14 (b) Violators shall be fined \$50 for the first violation,
15 \$100 for the second violation, \$200 for the third violation, and
16 \$500 for each subsequent violation.



1 ~~[(e) Government entities, and agents acting on behalf of~~
2 ~~government entities, shall not be subject to this section.~~

3 ~~(d)]~~ (c) Any county may adopt a rule or ordinance that
4 places stricter limitations on the use of leaf blowers than are
5 in this section. In case of a conflict between the requirements
6 or limitations of this section and any county rule or ordinance
7 regarding the use of leaf blowers, the more restrictive
8 requirements shall apply.

9 ~~[(e)]~~ (d) For the purposes of this section:

10 "Leaf blower" means any machine used to blow leaves, dirt,
11 or other debris off sidewalks, driveways, lawns, and other
12 surfaces.

13 "Residential zone" includes residential districts,
14 apartment districts, and business mixed use districts, as those
15 terms may be used in state law or county ordinance.

16 "State holiday" means any day established as a state
17 holiday in section 8-1."

18 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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S.B. NO. 23

Report Title:

Leaf Blowers; Residential Zones; Restriction; Government Agencies; Exemption; Repeal

Description:

Clarifies that the residential zone restriction on the use of leaf blowers at certain hours includes residential districts, apartment districts, and business mixed use districts. Removes the exemption on leaf blower restrictions for government agencies except in cases of emergency.

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